

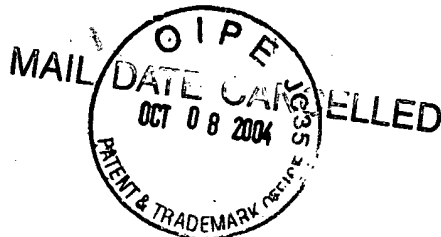


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- This application is objected to because it contains a data file on compact disc, which is not identified in the paper portion of the specification with a listing of all of the files contained on the disc. When portions of an application are contained on a compact disc, the paper portion of the specification must identify the compact disc(s) and list the files including name, file size, and creation date on each of the compact discs (see 37 CFR 1.52(e)). Applicant(s) are required to amend the specification to identify each disc and the files contained on the disc including the file name, file size, and file creation date.

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Application No.: 10/739,355

Art Unit: 1648

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Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR INHIBITION OF MEMBRANE
FUSION-ASSOCIATED EVENTS,
INCLUDING HIV TRANSMISSION

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Sir:

Pursuant to a Notice of Informal Application ("Notice") mailed April 14, 2004 (a copy of which is attached herewith), and pursuant to a telephone discussion on August 10, 2004 between Ms. Karen Smith at the Initial Patent Examination Division and Attorney for Applicant Ann Chen, Applicants submit herewith a Second Preliminary Amendment in connection with the above-identified application.

At the outset, Attorneys for Applicants thank Ms. Smith for the courtesies extended during the August 10, 2004 telephone discussion.

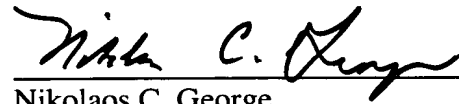
In the Second Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended the specification, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(e)(5), to include an incorporation-by-reference language and information regarding the two compact discs labeled "Copy 1" and "Copy 2" that were submitted on December 17, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. Specifically, the names of the files contained in each of the compact discs, their date of creation, and their sizes in bytes are described and incorporated by reference into the specification. As such, Applicants submit that the objection to the application is overcome and therefore, should be withdrawn.

During the August 10, 2004 telephone discussion, Ms. Smith further indicated that there is no due date for responding to the Notice and therefore, no fee is due in connection

with responding to the Notice. As such, no fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission. However, should the United States Patent and Trademark Office determine otherwise, please charge any required fee to Jones Day Deposit Account Number 50-3013.

Respectfully submitted,

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